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VIA CAS CHLS
TO: AMB. BUNKER, AMEMBASSY SAIGON
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
CITE: WHS1041

THE PRESIDENT HAS TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO MEET THICH AT MIDWAY
JUNE 8. HE EXPECTS THAT THE MEETING WILL PRODUCE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
END OF THE AMERICAN COMBAT ROLE UPON CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENT INCREMENT
OF WITHDRAWAL.

COULD YOU GIVE SOME THOUGHT AS TO WHAT PRECISELY SUCH AN
ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD INVOLVE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE YOUR SUGGESTION AS TO
OTHER AGENDA ITEMS.

NO ONE HERE KNOWS ABOUT EITHER THE MEETING OR THE PLANNED
ANNOUNCEMENT SO SECRECY IS ESSENTIAL.

CAN YOU FIND OUT INFORMALLY WHETHER THE DATE IS AGREEABLE.
I MUST WARN YOU THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TOO MUCH FLEXIBILITY.

WARM REGARDS.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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